

Thi saa har Gud elsket  
Verden, at han gav sin  
Søn, den enbaarne, for at  
hver den som tror paa  
ham, ikke skal fortæbes,  
men have evigt Liv.

# HYRDEN

"JEG ER DEN GODE HYRDE." — Joh. 10. 11.

Den som tror paa ham,  
er ikke dømt; den som  
er tro, er allerede dømt,  
ti han ikke har troet  
Guds enbaarne Søns  
Navn.

Haugen, Rev. A. K.  
dec 12

17de aargang.

Winnipeg, Manitoba, Andet Nr. i Juni, 1941

Nr. 12

## I EN STILLE STUND

"Og han sagde en lignelse til dem om at  
de altid skulde bede og ikke bli trette."

Luke 18: 1.

Det er umuligt at en fornyet og  
troende sjæl ikke skulde bede, og  
ivrigt og flittigt paakalde sin Gud.  
Den som ved Jesus Kristus er op-  
reist fra sit fald, helliget og fornyet  
ved hans blod, aand, og naade, og  
derved forligt og forenet med Gud,  
maa vedlikeholde dette samfund ved  
troende bøn og et inderligt bodfer-  
digt sind og hjerte.

Naar mennesket fødes til verden  
gjør det sin tilverelse tilkjende ved  
skrik og graat; og naar det er blit  
gjenfødt og bragt til liv i Kristus  
saa aabenbarer dette sig i bøn og  
paakaldelse. I gjenfødselen blir den  
Helligaand rikelig utøst over de  
troende ved Jesus Kristus, vor Frel-  
ser. Men den Helligaand er en na-  
dens og bønnens aand som ikke alene  
forsikrer os om Guds naade, og vid-  
ner med vor aand at vi er Guds barn,  
men ogsaa straks leder os til at paa-  
kalde vor himmelske far med barn-  
lig tillit, som apostelen siger, "I  
fik jo ikke trældommens aand, saa  
I atter skulde frygte, men I fik bar-  
nekaarets aand, ved hvilken vi raa-  
ber: Abba, Fader!" Rom. 8, 15. Paa  
et andet sted knytter han barnet-  
ten og bønne sammen: "Fordi I er  
sønner, har Gud sendt sin søns aand  
i vore hjerter, som raaber, Abba,  
Fader!" Gal. 4, 6.

Saaledes lærer vi av Skriften selv at  
naar sjelen er levendegjort av Guds  
aand og naade, og lever for Gud i  
Kristus, saa maa den vedlikeholde  
dette livssamfund i og ved et levende  
bønneliv. Paa denne maate vil og  
skal vort kristelige liv styrkes og  
stadfestes i Aandens kraft indtil en-  
den.

Vaagn op og slaa paa dine strenge,  
Syng mig en deilig morgensang;  
O kjære sjæl, O dryg ei lenge,  
Gjør med din tak en himmelgang,  
Trenge ind i himlens stjerneborg,  
Og glem saalenge verdens sorg.

Lad Jesus nu dit lys oprinde,  
I mig at jeg som lysets barn,  
Ei lader mig av verden blinde  
Og snæres ind i satans garn!  
Lad kjødets lyster i mig dø,  
Lær mig at se alt kjød er hø!

Skal sygdom, sorger, og ulykke,  
Skal trengsel nat og fattigdom  
Mig efter Herrens vilje trykke,  
Lad dog min tro ei støtes om,  
Men giv mig kraft i større maal  
At drikke sorgens kalk med taal!

Jeg aldrig vil paa verden bygge,  
Om lykken end vil med mig gaa,  
Men alt som dagen sig mon rygge,  
Vil jeg mit hjerte minde paa,  
At glasset rinder, tiden gaar,  
Og evigheten forestaar.  
(Indsendt ved N. F.)

## VISHET OM FRELSEN

Av Johannes Daasvand.

"Aanden selv vidner med vor aand  
at vi er Guds barn." Rom. 8, 16. "Vi  
vet at vi er gaat over fra døden til  
livet, fordi vi elsker brødrene." 1. Joh.  
3, 14.

"Den som tror paa Guds søn, har  
dette vidnesbyrd i sig selv." 1. Joh.  
5, 10.

"Dette har jeg skrevet til eder for  
at I skal vite at I har evig liv, I som  
tror paa Guds søns navn." 1. Joh. 5,  
13.

Slik taler Guds ord am denne sak.  
Der kan nevnes mange flere klare  
skriftord som beviser at det ikke bare  
gaar an at komme til troens vishet,  
men at det hører med til et normalt  
kristenliv at eie denne vishet.

Tenker vi saa paa de mange kjerne-  
salmer og sange som taler om det  
samme, saa skjønner vi at komme til  
klarhet i sin salighetssak maa være  
en virkelighet.

Men tros-vishet er ikke det samme

## CANADA DISTRICT CONVENTION

Outlook, Sask.

July 16—20, 1941

Wednesday, 8	P.M.	Opening Sermon, Pastor K. Bergsagel.
Thursday, 9:30	A.M.	Communion Service, Confessional Sermon, Pastor P. Lerseth, Liturgist, Pastor G. O. Evenson, PRELIMINARY BUSINESS SESSION.
"	2 P.M.	"Church Publicity" by Pastor Herman E. Jørgensen, Editor of "Lutheraneren". The New Pension Plan presented by Pastor A. E. Iverson. DISCUSSION.
"	7:30 P.M.	Evening service. Address. Dr. A. J. Bergsaker, Gen. Secretary N.L.C.A.
Friday, 9	A.M.	Prayer Meeting led by Bennie Anderson, Bar- do, Alberta.
"	9:30 A.M.	BUSINESS SESSION.
"	2 P.M.	OUR HOME MISSION RESPONSIBILITY. 1. "Seeking the Lost", Pastor K. O. Kandal. 2. "Seeking the Lost on the Frontier", Pastor K. A. Knutson.
"	7:30 P.M.	Speaker, Dr. J. A. Aasgaard, President of the Norwegian Lutheran Church of America.
Saturday, 9	A.M.	Prayer Meeting led by Søren Fengstad, Crooked River, Sask.
"	9:30 A.M.	BUSINESS.
"	2 P.M.	Pastoral Lecture by Dr. J. R. Lavik, President of Luther Seminary, Saskatoon.
"	7:30 P.M.	Convention decides how to use time.
Sunday, 10:30	A.M.	Ordination of Mr. John Precht, B.A., B.D. can- didate from Luther Seminary, by Dr. J. A. Aasgaard.
"	2 P.M.	OUR HOME MISSION RESPONSIBILITY. 3. "Seeking the Lost in the Cities", Pastor Ivar Saugen. 4. "Seeking the Lost in our Parish Neighbor- hoods". (Speaker not certain)

Evening session as decided by the convention.

som den selv gode tryghet. Visheten  
er en frukt av den Hellige Aands  
gjerning ved ordet. Den selv gode  
tryghet er den egenretferdighes eget  
værk.

Tros-visheten maa fornyes ved  
Aanden og ordet. Det er ved Aanden  
og ordet vi faar den og ved de samme  
midler fornyes og næres den.

Staa som en klippe,  
du lille Herrens flok,  
la al ting glippe,  
I ordet har du nok!

## Herren kalder til omvending

Uværsskyer, mørke, tunge  
ruger over folk og land.  
Spørrende star gamle, unge,  
hvor er han som frelse kan?

Vi har dyrket syndig glede,  
skam og last har fylt vort bryst.  
Altid stod vi ferdig, rede,  
til at følge kjødets lyst.

Nu vil Gud til folket tale  
og han bruker sterke ord.  
Synden vil han for os male,  
vise hvad der i os bor.

Nu er tiden unge, gamle,  
til at møte Herren Gud.  
Gaa ei lenger rundt at famle,  
snart du faar ei flere bud.

Naadetiden snart er omme,  
da blir frelse ei at faa.  
Da du lenger ei faar komme,  
utenfor du da maa staa.

La dig nu av Gud behandle,  
frelses maa vi en for en.  
Alt hos dig han vil forandre,  
Jesu blod dig tvetter ren.

Jesus han vil frelse alle,  
det er dig han søker nu.  
La ham ei forgjeves kalde,  
la ham ei ifra dig gaa.

J. Arnesen.

## FRA EN TUR TIL CANADA

S. H. Njaa.

(Slutning.)

Nu hadde vi gaat gjennom vort  
gamle virkefelt og saa bar det avsted  
paa veien hjem. Mrs. Grønlids søster,  
Miss Braum, skulde gaa med os saa  
langt som til Priceville, Sask., hvor  
hun skulde stanse over natten hos  
hendes foreldre, Mr. og Mrs. Braum.  
Det var godt at ha kjendt folk med  
os, da jeg aldrig hadde reist denne  
vei før. Det var paa forhaand av-  
gjort at vi skulde rekke til Rose Val-  
ley for middag, hvor vi skulde være  
gjester hos pastor og Mrs. Hjalmar  
Holland, de nye prestefolkene paa det  
sted. Paa slaget 12 var vi i Rose  
Valley. Vi spurte efter de nye preste-  
folk, vi blev vist frem og ganske rik-  
tig, der stod de begge og ventet paa  
os. Det var saa koselig at komme  
ind i deres hjem. Vi var gamle  
kjendte, ti Mrs. Holland var før Miss  
Ruth Anderson, der i flere aar hadde  
været superintendent ved vort hospi-  
tal i Northwood. Nu hadde de tat  
fat her. Det var deres første kald,  
da pastor Holland blev uteksamine-  
ret fra vort seminar sidste vaar. De  
var vel fornøiet med sin lod og gledet  
sig i sin gjerning. De hadde en vak-  
ker kirke i byen Rose Valley og vi  
maatte bort for at se den. Vi tok  
et bilde utenom kirken, som vi fik  
os tilsendt som et minde om vort be-  
søk der. Jeg hadde en gang før været  
i en menighet tilhørende dette kald,  
nemlig ved Hendon. Det var den for-  
rige gang vi var i Canada, og da had-  
de vore tre døtre git en koncert i kir-  
ken der. Der var ingen den gang der  
vovet at indbyde os til at stoppe over  
natten uten Mr. og Mrs. Martin Tvei-  
ten. De hadde et lite hus, men der  
var hjerterum, og vi kan aldrig gleme  
disse gjestfrie folk. Jeg spurte  
pastor Holland efter Tveitens. Han  
kunde fortelle, at da han kom op til  
(Fortsat paa side 2)

## TROENS STRID MOT KJØDET

Vaak og bed, at I ikke skal komme i  
fristelse. Mark. 14, 38.

Det er mange redelige sjeler som  
vaaker trolig og kjemper tappert  
mot sine skjødesynder, men som alli-  
kevel taper. Og de spør i sin for-  
tvilelse: findes det intet middel som  
kan hjelpe mig til at bli en seirende  
kristen?

Jo, det findes! Gud ske lov!

Jesus sier: Vaak og be! Naar din  
kamp ikke førte til seier, saa var det  
fordi du ikke riktig fattet hans men-  
ning med at be.

La mig endnu en gang nevne vakt-  
posten. Naar han faar føling med  
fienden, saa er det ikke hans opgave  
at stride. Det vilde jo være helt nyt-  
teløst, da fienden er ham totalt over-  
legen. Nei, hans opgave er at melde  
av til hovedstyrken, som skal ta kam-  
pen op med fienden.

Dette er just vor stilling og opgave  
i kampen.

Vor fiende er os fuldstendig over-  
mektig. Vi har jo ikke kamp bare  
mot vort eget kjød, men ogsaa ond-  
skapens aandeher i himmelrummet.  
Derfor er det helt nytteløst for os i  
egen kraft at ta op kampen mot  
fienden. Ikke en gang vort nye men-  
neske er i stand til at beseire det  
gamle.

Nei, vor opgave i denne ulike kamp  
bestaar i to ganske enkle ting: For  
det første skal vi holde vakt, saa vi  
har rede paa naar vor fiende nærmer  
sig. For det andet skal vi melde av  
til hovedstyrken, at fienden er over  
os.

Og vor hovedstyrke er Kristus, som  
har beseiret alle vore fiender, og nu  
vil gi os fuldkommen seier. Han er  
ikke langt borte, men like ved vor  
side. Og det eneste jeg har at gjøre  
naar jeg kjender at fristelserne nær-  
mer sig, det er at rope: "Kom straks,  
Herre! Nu er mine overmektige  
fiender her. Kom straks og ta kraf-  
ten ut av disse fristelser, ellers er jeg  
beseiret om noen øieblik!"

Følg nu disse Jesu enkle raad, og  
du skal faa opleve at det er ikke tale-  
maater, men en sikker vei til seier,  
endog over dine vanskeligste skjøde-  
synder.

Og den gir en forunderlig glede.  
Ja, endog naar vi lider nederlag, blir  
vi ikke saa mismodige som før. Vi  
ser nemlig tydelig at vi tapte, fordi  
vi ikke straks søkte undsetning hos  
vor Frelser. Nederlaget blir os til  
tuft og ydmygelse, saa vi neste gang  
søker hjelpen straks.

Denne seier gjør os frimodige, men  
ikke overmodige. For denne troens  
seier over vore synder kan vi aldrig  
vinde uten at vi først ydmyges. Først  
naar vi kjender os fuldstendig hjelpe-  
løse overfor fristelsen, kaster vi os i  
Frelserens arme — og vinder seier.  
Halleluja, jeg har min Jesus fundet!  
Hans naades glans er klar i mig op-  
rundet;

nu ser jeg veien til Guds frydebolig,  
nu kan, nu skal, nu vil jeg vandre  
trolig.

O. Hallesby.

## Fra MacRorie, Sask.

En kirkeindvielse er vel ikke noe  
som hører til skjeldenheterne nu for  
tiden, men for os her i MacRorie hvor  
tørken har veret saa haard i saa man-  
ge aar blir en saadan indvielsesfest  
en stor høitidsstund.

Kirken kunde ikke rumme den store  
forsamling som den 25 maj kom for  
at oververe festligheten. Dr. Iver  
Iversen holdt en gripende indvielses-  
tale. Derefter solo av Miss Palmer.  
Offeret som blev optat ved anlednin-  
gen beløp sig til \$40.00. Middag ser-  
vertes efter gudstjenesten.

Eftermiddagsmøtet blev aapnet av  
undertegnede. Derefter blev korte  
taler holdt av presterne B. O. Lokens-  
gaard og G. Evenson, Dr. Iversen og  
Mr. Frostad. Miss Haug og Mrs.  
Hjortaas tok del med sang.



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## Angaaende Distriktsmødet

Den Norsk Lutherske Kirke i Kanada møter ved Outlook, Saskatchewan, paa dagene 16—20 juli. Nogen nermere beskrivelse er unødvendig her. Se programmet paa første side.

Vi vil bare i all korthet faa lov til at understreke det ønskværdige i at menigheterne gjør sit yderste for at det legitime antal delegater blir sendt. Dette er jo alltid paa sin plass, men er, synes det os, av serlig stor betydning iaar. For det er sandsynlig at hundreaarsfesten som jo skal feires i 1943 kommer til at legge sig paa tverke av distriktsmøtene det aaret, og isaafald kan det gjerne bli tre aar før vort distrikt igjen vil finde det beleiligt at arrangere for et normalt forretningsmøte.

Dette er selvfølgelig bare en løs formodning, og selv om den aldrig skulde bli aktuell bør vi ikke desto mindre nytte høvet mens vi har det til sammen at drøfte kirkens anliggender, og i fellesskap søke at fremme dens liv og virke.

La derfor ingen valgar delegat bli sittende hjemme paa ovennevnte juledage. Reis til Outlook, og gjør din samvittighetsfulde plikt som ansvarlig medarbeider i Herrens vingård!

## A Busy Day at Hastings Lake

One of the most promising Bible Camps in the district is located at Hastings Lake, ca. 35 miles south-east from Edmonton, Alberta. Sponsored by the Luther Leagues of the Edmonton and Camrose circuits, it has seen a remarkable growth since it was established in the brush three years ago. Already improvements reaching a long way into the second thousand dollars have been added to the original land purchase, and a sustained effort is being made to reach the stage when every camper may be accommodated in dormitories or bunk houses rather than in tents.

Of course, anyone will realize that the housing of between two and three hundred campers is a rather big order, but judging by what already has been accomplished, the goal would not seem to be so overly remote at that. All we need is a few more days like last May 24th. It is inspiring indeed to watch what can be done by a group of people of one mind and one aim.

The writer will not risk any guess as to how many gathered at the camp site on said date. We only know that there were cars by the dozen, and that the hammer blows, as Rev. Vinge puts it, were "ringing like chimes", not only in the auditorium where a new floor was laid down, but also from the two new bunk houses and a cottage which went up and were largely finished that same day. Other busy hands put a new coat of paint on the auditorium, and on one of last year's bunk houses. Even the ladies went to work, and would undoubtedly have both combed and manicured the principal grounds if they had dared to burn the rubbish raked together. Only the risk of starting an uncontrollable fire prevented them from carrying out their purpose.

One need be neither a prophet nor a prophet's son to predict another recordbreaking attendance, and another conspicuous leap ahead with the operation of the camp, July 7—15. God has seen fit to bless this camp,

Maa Herren faa velsigne alle de herlige vidnesbyrd, saa at de maa bære evighetsfrugter.

—A. Hjortaa.

not only in a material way, but in a spiritual as well. Souls have openly confessed that they have met the living Christ, and there is abundant evidence that the camp project has served to unify and stimulate young people's work as nothing else.

In this fateful twilight hour when it appears as if that particular brand of western civilization which we have known is being bombed beyond recognition, and when, perhaps, we are witnessing at a "safe" distance some phases of the closing drama of the age, it is a singular privilege the Lord is granting us to gather at sheltered beauty-spots of nature for prayer and meditation on things which shall not perish, though all else pass away. And may an appreciation of these things compel a larger attendance than ever before at the various camps scattered far and wide. Yes, we frankly are interested in numbers, large numbers, when they are liberally sprinkled with that type of young people whose main purpose in coming to camp is to seek soul guidance. "Blessed are they that hunger and thirst after righteousness, for they shall be filled."

## THE TREASURY IS EMPTY!

"Insert a strong appeal for renewals. Funds enough for this next issue only. Many due from 1940. Many from March, 1941. Encourage dollar bill payments for overdue subscriptions."

Thus reads the S.O.S. call from our treasurer, Mr. Haave. First June issue has been published since. Hence, there are now no funds available with which to pay for this present issue!

Such a situation calls for immediate attention, and the mere mention of the above stated facts ought at least to bring all overdue subscriptions up to date. If you are guilty of neglect in this regard, kindly send your remittance to the treasurer at once.

Some rare few remember Hyrden with gift donations in appreciation of the very low subscription rate. If more would go and do likewise, there might be little need of issuing these special money appeals from time to time.

But other methods by which Hyrden could be made financially independent may also be pointed out. One of them has been advocated right along. Increasing the number of subscriptions. Just a couple hundred more would do the trick. And certainly that is within easy reach, if our people only would reach for it at all. It would only mean an average of one more subscriber in each congregation in our district!

Since this by far is the preferable method, the method which would best serve the interests of our church, why not get to work on it a little more in earnest? If the pastor cannot spare the time to canvass prospects personally, let him at least appoint someone else with sufficient interest to be on the constant lookout for new subscribers. At any rate, some certain persons should be responsible, rather than let it all deteriorate to become everybody's business, when the line of least resistance invariably is followed, with consequent delinquencies and at best a very haphazard or spasmodic effort to seek new gains.

Another suggestion might merit consideration at the district meeting next month: Increase the subscription price to, say, 75 instead of 50 cents per year. Not many of our present subscribers would be likely to offer any serious objection to such a small raise. It is to be expected that the general trend of constantly rising prices will eventually affect Hyrden as well, and further aggravate an already bad situation unless definite steps are taken to counteract the ill effects of such a probable development.

(Fortsat fra side 1)

Rose Valley sidste høst fik han telefon fra Tveiten at hans hustru netop var død og det blev den første begravelse han hadde der oppe. Vi skulde likt at besøkt ham, men det vilde ha blit en lang omvei og vi hadde liten tid.

Her i Rose Valley møtte vi enken efter Elling Braaten fra Bagley. Det var hyggeligt at møte hende, da det

var det første hjem jeg holdt gudstjeneste i da jeg kom op til Bagley som før omtalt.

Vi maatte si farvel til Hollands, ti vi skulde være i Priceville før det var mørkt, og vi hadde lang vei. Vi rak dog frem til Braums ved 6-tiden. De hadde ingen anelse om at vi kom, men da datteren var i vort selskap, saa var det ikke lenge før at hun fik mat paa bordet og vi fik forsyne os av husets gode ting. Etter aftensmaten besøkte vi pastor Gustav Ostrem, der er prest i dette kald. Han er en bror av pastor Benj. Ostrem i Pekin, N. Dak.

I Priceville har de en herlig kirke og prestegaard. Her i denne kirke gav pikerne ogsaa koncert da vi var her oppe i 1929.

Den første gang jeg var her i dette strøk var for 32 aar siden. Jeg skulde holde visitats hos pastor H. L. Urnes, der den gang bodde paa en farm litt nord fra Buchanan. Han hadde dannet og betjent North Prairie menighet syd fra det nuværende Priceville. Der var ingen by den gang, Mr. og Mrs. Braum bodde den gang paa sin farm. Vi stanset over natten hos dem, men gudstjenesten og visitatsen holdtes hos hans svigersøn, Mr. Otto Melsness. Det var kaldt og megen sne, saa det hindret mange fra at komme ut, men jeg glemmer dog ikke den turen sammen med pastor Urness.

Pastor Urness nedla et storartet arbeide i den tid blandt nybyggerne i dette strøk, men kanske hustruen ofret enda mer som maatte sidde hjemme paa farmen med flere smaa barn. De maatte ha noen kjør skulde de ha noget at leve av, og hun som ikke var sterk av hilsen maatte ut og pumpe vand og stelle kreaturene hvor kaldt det end var. De største av barna hjalp til, men det var altfor haardt og jeg formoder at Mrs. Urness har maattet lide for disse strabadser like til denne tid. Ingen forstaar hvad flere av de første prestekoner maatte staa i under nybyggerlivet paa Canada vidderne. Urness er den prest der har holdt ut lengst i Saskatchewan. Han er fremdeles i fuld virksomhet og bor i Bulyea.

N. E. Braum og hustru er nu gamle. De feiret sit diamanthyrull den 11te november 1939. Der holdtes en stor fest for dem ved den anledning.

Der syd ved North Prairie kirken ligger pastor Hjalmar Grønliid begravet. Vi fik ikke tid til at staa ved hans grav denne gang, men sidst da vi var der fik vi se hans sidste hvilested. Der er ikke mange jeg savner saa meget som pastor Grønliid. Han hadde naat frem til at se hvad der var det mest nødvendige i livet. Han hadde det rette prestesind og vi hadde trengt ham saa vel. Vi maatte si farvel til Braums og rimeligst blev det denne gang den sidste gang vi fik møtes. Vi skiltes paa gjensyn for lammets trone. Miss Braum skulde nu stanse hos sine foreldre en tid og vi fik gaa videre uten nogen veiviser, men med alle de hjelpemidler vi nu har, saa var det ikke vanskeligt at finde frem.

Vort maal var at naa Winnipeg før det blev mørkt den neste dag.

Vi kom snart ind i Manitoba, hvor landskapet begynte at bli anderledes. Der var flere dype dale vi maatte over. Det gik bra ned og det var svære stigninger for at komme op paa høiderne igjen.

Vi naadde ikke Winnipeg den kveld, saa vi slog os til ro i en mindre by. Neste morgen var vi tidlig ute, ti vi skulde stanse en tid i Winnipeg, og saa vilde vi naa hjem om aftenen.

I Winnipeg opsoekte vi en datter av Mr. og Mrs. Lindgren i Weldon. Hun er gift og bor der. Hun er et virksomt medlem av den Norsk lutherske menighet i Winnipeg, der nu betjenes av pastor M. Aandahl. Hun viste os først kirken, der nylig er opført. Det er et vakkert monument i ekte norsk stil. Prekestolen staar enda til langt op paa veggen, ved siden av koret. Det var pastor Ole Haugen, der var denne menighets prest til sin død, og efter ham kom pastor Aandahl.

Vi tok os en tur til parken, hvor der er en dyrehave. Vi fik en følelse av krigen der ute i parken, ti en mengde soldater holdt paa at trene der ute. Til slut maatte vi ind paa det kjendte Hudson Bay Store, og derfra gik det sporenstregts hjem.

## Luther Seminary, Saskatoon, Graduates the First Candidate

At commencement, May 28, Mr. John Precht was graduated from our Saskatoon seminary with the Bachelor of Divinity Degree. Mr. Precht is born in Denmark, is a graduate of Camrose and Outlook College, and has obtained his B. A. degree from the University of Saskatchewan. He will be ordained at the district convention in July on call issued by the district mission committee to North Battleford.

Commencement exercises were held jointly with Lutheran College and Seminary. Seven young men received degrees or certificates of graduation.

Mr. Precht is the first candidate for the ministry in our church who has received all his training in Canada. May many follow him! The future of our church in the prairie provinces depend upon an adequate and stable supply of pastors.

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## We Thank God and Take Courage

Ringling like chimes were the hammers in the hands of willing workers putting down the new floor in Hastings Lake Bible Camp auditorium. A fine spirit of fellowship prevailed. Among other workers were two grandsons of the Pioneer Pastor, Reverend Bersvend Anderson. What if that old patriarch could have seen what the church that he served and loved is doing for the young people!

In the background was a pulpit, a baptismal font, and an Altar in one of our Lutheran Churches. A lady was speaking on the W.M.F. programs for 1941. It was a well prepared and an enthusiastic talk. This lady spoke with a delightful Old-England Leicestershire accent. Through her talk we heard "our church", "our institutions", "our privileges in our W. M. F." She loved "her" church. Yes we are a CANADIAN church.

We saw a group of happy people building a little cabin at Hastings Lake for the Ryley L.D.R. And the girls are paying for it. How? Another picture comes before us—trim young L.D.R. members serving a May-Day-Breakfast at the Ryley Parish House. Breakfast could be had from 6:00 A.M. to 10:00 A.M. And many enjoyed the wheat cakes, bacon and coffee.

The Camrose Lutheran Choir filed into church for one of their outstanding concerts. Such singing! No wonder the adjudicator at the Music Festival at Edmonton paid this choir the high tribute of saying that it was one of the best in Canada. After the concert in our church at Thronheim, one of the members with joyful enthusiasm spoke of the spiritual blessings enjoyed at the College this last winter. Souls had come to the Lord. "It gives encouragement all along," this young Christian said.

The appeals for Luther League Day programs in our district have taken effect. Fine reports are coming in constantly. "Youth for Christ" offerings have brought in an encouraging amount of our allocation for 1941. Luther League supports a school for Blind in China this year. The hearts of the blind folks over there will warm in Christian gratitude to their brothers and sisters over here.

God has answered prayers for the Canadian Lutheran Bible Institute. There is ringing of hammers, and white-clad mortar mixers and plasterers flit to and fro through that neat little building. And its beautiful new coat of stucco! What a pleasing appearance! Then to think of the spiritual blessings of the many who attended there this last year.

Seven Bible Camps are planned for the summer in our Luther League District. Souls are strengthened, and those who may have strayed find the way back to the Saviour at many of our camps. May the Lord be permitted to lead!

—A. M. Vinge.

Vi hadde gjort en tur paa 3000 mil uten noe nevneverdigth uheld, og vi var taknemmelige mot Gud for hans beskyttelse. Det var en tur vi lenge vil mindes, og hvis noen har hat fornøielse av at lese om denne tur, da er vi mer end taknemmelige.



For God so loved the world,  
that he gave his only be-  
gotten Son, that whosoever  
believeth on him should not  
perish, but have eternal life.

# The SHEPHERD

I AM THE GOOD SHEPHERD. John 10, 11.

He that believeth on him is  
not judged; he that believeth  
not hath been judged already,  
because he hath not believed  
on the name of the only be-  
gotten Son of God.

Winnipeg, Manitoba, Second Nr. in June, 1941

## Rally Day

Another inspiring Rally Day for Medicine Hat Circuit Luther League has passed by. It was held at the Mile Lutheran Church, May 4th. Mr. Harold Otteson, our circuit president welcomed the Leaguers at the opening session on Saturday evening. The Armada and Ibbestad leagues presented the opening program. Rev. I. J. Saugen, Calgary, spoke on "Justification and Sanctification" at the divine worship, Sunday morning.

Soul stirring topics were presented throughout the Rally by Leaguers. They told what it is to launch out for souls, how to search for truth. They convinced us that we must take a stand for Christ, despite mockery by our friends — we must live daringly for Christ to have Abundant Life. Young people are wavering before the most important decision of all for or against Christ. They know He has a claim on their lives; they know that He has the power to redeem them; they know their place is in the church; but they wonder what the crowd will think or say. We cannot waver, we must make a definite stand for Christ or we are lost.

These and many other inspiring thoughts were brought home to us.

"Where are you going, Youth?  
'To fight a fight with all my might  
For Truth, Justice, God and Right,  
To grace all Life with His fair  
light.'  
Then God go with you, Youth!"  
—Alvina Nerland.

## News from Zion Lutheran Church, Saskatoon

At the February meeting of the Ladies Aid, Mrs. E. Sivertson was honored by the presentation of a Life Membership. An impressive program was arranged for the occasion.

The Luther League sponsored a Sunrise Service in the Church Easter Sunday at six o'clock. A very inspiring program was presented, after which breakfast was served in the Church Parlors to thirty-five.

At the evening service, Easter Sunday, the Choir presented the Cantata — Gethsemane to Calvary.

On Tuesday, April 22nd, the Choir again rendered the Cantata at Sunn Valley.

On Sunday, April 27th, the Luther League had charge of evening service, sponsoring a "Rally Day" program. A very challenging program was given. A "Youth for Christ" offering was lifted, which totalled twenty dollars.

The L.D.R. of Zion Church held their annual Mother-Daughter Banquet in the Church Parlors Thursday evening, May 8, with fifty-six being present. A very interesting program was presented. Mrs. J. R. Lavik gave the Toast to the Daughters, "Remember Now Thy Creator," and Miss Sara Iversen responded for the Daughters, "I Remember." Rev. Lokensgard spoke on the topic "Forget-Her Not."

During the program the presentation of a "Forget-Me-Not" was made to Mrs. O. C. Engelstad, who was the oldest L.D.R. mother present.

This is the second Mother-Daughter Banquet given by the Zion L. D. R. The first was held in May, 1940, with an attendance of twenty-five.

Myrtle C. Engelstad.

## From Naicam, Sask.

The Immanuel Luther League held a weiner roast on May 18th. About thirty-five Young people were present.

The evening was spent with devotion and singing hymns accompanied by guitars, after which the president gave a short talk on Bible Camp, encouraging Leaguers to attend.

L. G., Sec.

## STATISTICAL SUMMARY

District	Souls			Confirmed		
	1940	1939	Increase	1940	1939	Increase
Eastern .....	143,068	138,380	4,688	101,084	96,633	4,451
N. Minn. ....	77,667	74,612	3,055	53,282	51,228	2,054
So. Minn. ....	115,675	108,122	7,553	80,835	76,331	4,504
Iowa .....	52,356	51,890	466	35,652	34,203	1,449
So. Dak. ....	54,004	52,503	1,501	38,089	36,307	1,782
No. Dak. ....	76,307	73,440	2,867	50,037	48,386	1,651
R. Mt. ....	17,332	17,539	207	12,157	11,766	391
Pacific .....	21,517	19,587	1,930	16,127	14,759	1,368
Canada .....	12,404	11,950	454	8,037	7,406	631
Total .....	570,330	548,023	22,307	395,300	377,019	18,281

The statistics for 1940 have just been completed. We are happy to note the consistent, steady gain from year to year. This year we show an increase of 22,307 souls and 18,281 confirmed members. The report also shows a correct proportionate gain of confirmed members. These things are encouraging.

We regret however, that after many notices had been sent we still had 43 pastors that did not send in their Parochial Reports.

A number of reports come to us stating that the pastor is new in the parish and that there were no records when he came there. This is regrettable. It is of vital importance to keep accurate, up to date records in every parish. If this is done, it is very easy to make out the report. May we have 100% reporting next year. —A. J. Bergsaker.

## From South Immanuel Church, Crichton

A very sad accident occurred on highway No. 4 two miles south of Cadillac on Monday, May 19th. Mr. Ole Kopperud, on his way home from town, was thrown out of the wagon when he lost control of his horses, and died about half an hour later.

Mr. Kopperud was born at Vardal, Gjøvik, Norway, January 26th, 1867. When only a year old he moved with his parents to Illinois, and later to Norway Grove near Pelican Rapids, Minnesota. On January 11, 1888, he was united in marriage to Karen Olson Solberg. They moved to Canada in 1912, and settled on a homestead south-west of Cadillac. Two years later Mr. Kopperud helped to organize the South Immanuel Lutheran congregation.

Left to mourn his loss are his wife, seven children (three others predeceased their father), twelve grandchildren, and numerous friends and neighbors.

At the confirmation service on June 1st four young people, Eileen Kopperud, and Blanda, Earl, and Dean Scansen, renewed their baptismal covenant.

May 17th was an all-around clean-up day at church, the ladies working inside and the men tidying up the yard and planting trees.

On May 18th the Luther League held the International Luther League Day Quiz program. There was a good attendance, and a substantial Youth for Christ offering was received.

—M. E. H., reporter.

## From Ryley, Alta.

On Sunday, May 18th, a joint meeting of the six Ladies Aids in Rev. A. M. Vinge's call took place at the Lutheran Church at Ryley, Alta.

Three duets were beautifully rendered by Mrs. Ireland and Mrs. Mehus, the Oslund sisters, and the Mathison sisters.

Dr. Iver Iversen, president of the Norwegian Lutheran Church of Canada, was the guest speaker, and presented in his address the urgent needs of orphaned Norwegian missionaries. An offering of fifty-one dollars was received on behalf of these missionaries who have lost all their support from Norway.

The service was followed by lunch and a social hour at the parish hall.

—Mrs. P. O. Lerbekmo.

Den som kjenner seg sjølv godt,  
vert liten i sine egne augo og finn  
ikkje gleda i menneskeros.

## From Rose Valley, Sask.

The mothers of the L.D.R. girls were honored at a recent reception here. Each girl had her mother or adopted mother for the occasion. The reception began with a program in the Church which consisted of a welcome by the president, Miss Myrtle Holo. A song of welcome by the girls, and a response in song by the mothers. Rev. Holland led the meeting with Scripture reading and prayer. Mrs. Sam Christianson sang a mother's song. A dramatization of the important stages in a girl's life was given by the L.D.R. girls. Mrs. Strand sang a song for the daughters. The secretary, Miss Ester Holo, gave a brief history of the work done by the L.D.R. this year. Mrs. Holland, the adviser, gave a short greeting. The program came to a close with the singing of "Blest Be the Tie That Binds."

The mothers and daughters then went to the Parsonage where a social hour and lunch were enjoyed.

## Announcement

The Yorkton Circuit L.D.R. meets in conjunction with the Luther League at Hendon, Sask., on July 5th. A good representation of local L.D.R.'s is urged.

## From Parkside, Sask.

The L.D.R. spring circuit meeting was held in conjunction with the W.M.F. convention at Prince Albert on May 24th.

The theme of the convention, "To lose is to find", based on John 12: 24-25, was discussed under three sub-topics, "Service," "Life," and "Fruit."

Many beautiful musical numbers were rendered by delegates and visitors from the different calls represented.

Miss Jeanette Ivesdal gave a brief talk on box work. The pastors Stolee, Lerseth, Nelson, and Dahle also took some part in the program.

The following executive officers were elected: President, Dagmar Kvalnes; Vice-president, Edna Berstad; Sec'y-Treas., Blanche Johnson; Box Work Sec'y, Mrs. J. Jones; Treasure Chest Sec'y, Blanche Nelson; Thank Offering, Hannah Haugen.

## Enough Said

A minister once said: "When I stand in the pulpit on Sundays and see all the expensive clothing of my people, I often wonder, 'Where are all the poor people today?' But after the collection has been counted at the close of the service, I usually say to myself, 'I wonder where all the rich people were today.'"

## The Penny-a-Meal Plan Works!

The result of the use of the Penny-a-Meal boxes in the Ryley charge is as follows:

	1940	1941
Bardo .....	\$117.00	\$126.93
Bethel .....	40.19	62.46
Holden .....	52.62	57.00
Amisk Creek .....	29.44	34.01
Salem .....	55.52	54.00
Thronhjelm .....	21.89	25.00
	\$316.66	\$359.40

Some of the congregations have reached their allotment for 1941 with some to spare. About 77% of the budget of this parish came in by the Penny-a-Meal boxes at Lent. We thank God.

— Albert M. Vinge

## From Edmonton, Alta.

"God's Flower Garden" was the central theme of a beautiful Mother-Daughter banquet on May 15th, the first ever to be held at Central Lutheran Church, Edmonton. Seventy-five guests were seated at the large U-shaped and beautifully decorated table. Junior League boys, headed by Mr. P. Olson, acted very creditably as waiters.

In a challenging address Mrs. George Hendrikson, Vice-president of the Canada district Women's Missionary Federation, spoke on the main theme, and also had charge of another impressive feature of the evening, the presentation of a Life Membership Certificate to Mrs. Roach Olson, a charter member of the local Aid. No one present will easily forget the few but heart-stirring remarks by the beloved Mrs. Olson when she voiced her sincere gratitude for the honor bestowed upon her, and stated as her still greater concern to also be found on the honor roll above.

Mrs. Margaret Barry, the oldest member of the Ladies Aid, also received special honors.

Vocal selections were rendered by Miss Forsland, and by Misses Aslaug and Tillie Hanson.

Mrs. A. Berg, President of the local Lutheran Daughters of the Reformation, gave a toast to the mothers, and Mrs. P. Olson, President of the Ladies Aid, responded with a toast to the daughters. Other toasts were given by the Rev. Lystig and by Miss Aslaug Hanson.

The indeed rich program was followed by a thought-provoking candle-light service in which ten girls carried lit tapers representing the ideals of Christian motherhood, namely, Beauty, Purity, Humility, Patience, Courage, Truth, Intelligence, Faith, Service, and Love.

Three families and one individual were received into the congregation on Pentecost Sunday.

## Swift Current Circuit Bible Camp

The Swift Current Circuit holds its summer Bible Camp July 5—13 at Tjomsland's Coulee as in former years. Mr. Philip Hanson of Minneapolis together with the pastors of the circuit will be the teachers.

—A. Tveit.

## W.M.F. District Convention, July 17 and 18.

The Women's Missionary Federation of Canada district will assemble in convention at the Lutheran Church at Outlook, Sask., on Thursday and Friday, July 17 and 18. All circuit presidents have been asked to notify every Ladies Aid in the district. Each Aid is entitled to two delegates. They should certainly see to sending one.

Pray for the convention; Plan for the convention; Work for the convention; Attend the convention.



## WOMEN'S MISSIONARY FEDERATION

Mrs. George Hendrickson, Editor — Tofield, Alta.

## Notice

Notice to all Circuit Mission Box Secretaries in Canada. Please send me the report from your circuit, as soon as possible, so that I can send my report to the General Secretary, Mrs. Tweten. I also have to give a report at the Convention at Outlook in July, and would like to have a good report. Thank you, Mrs. Aune and Mrs. Kvien for your reports. I will be looking forward to receiving a report from the rest of you soon. If you have not received a report from each local, you could get in touch with the President of your circuit. She will have the triplicate cards and you could get your report from these. I am sure you will all do your best in sending me your reports without further delay.

Sincerely your Co-worker,  
Mrs. C. A. Magnuson,  
Sec'y. Mission Boxes.

Each one of the other department secretaries would echo this, I am sure. Please, Circuit Presidents, see that your department secretaries send in their reports. They are still wanting them.

And Circuit Presidents — some of you have not as yet sent your yellow report sheets to your Canada district vice president. She must have them at once, or not at all.

—Mrs. G. Hendrickson.

## W.M.F. Camrose Circuit Convention

The W.M.F. of the Camrose circuit met at Wetaskiwin on May 17, with more than a hundred delegates and visitors registered.

The forenoon meeting opened at 10:30 with the Hymn "All Hail the Power of Jesus Name", and devotion and greetings by the local pastor, Rev. K. O. Kandal, who also introduced the topic, based on Luke 8, 5-14: "Broadcasting Good Seed".

This was followed by a song in the Norwegian language by the Misses Lomnes and Sorhus, after which a welcome was given by Mrs. Ole Ervick, the local president.

Mrs. Fieldheim and daughter, Helen, contributed musical numbers.

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On the nominating committee were: Mrs. P. Borud, Camrose, Mrs. K. O. Kandal, Wetaskiwin, Mrs. Jorgenson, Vang, Mrs. Thomas Bratrud, Holden, and Mrs. J. Vold, Ponoka.

Mrs. G. Hendrickson gave an interesting talk about different departments, also stressing Temperance work. Posters were displayed.

The afternoon session opened by singing "Thee will I love." Rev. Odland of Bawlf read John 15 for devotion.

A violin solo was rendered by Miss Sylvia Soborg of Bawlf.

Treasurer's report was read and adopted.

Mrs. Odland of Bawlf read the first topic of the afternoon, based on Acts 2, 36-42.

A Ladies octette from Camrose gave a number, after which Mrs. Phillips of Asker gave the second talk, based on Acts 8, 26-39.

The Ladies Chorus of Camrose led in singing the Norse National anthem, in recognition of the fact that the convention was held on Norway's National Day.

Mrs. Hoveland explained the Building Fund for the Old People's Home. Sister Marie Weiks the Superintendent, gave a few remarks about conditions at the Home.

Mrs. Hall of Rosebush gave the last paper based on Acts 10, 34-43, followed by a vocal solo by Mrs. Jacobson.

Mrs. Borud reported for the nomination committee. Elected were:

President — Mrs. Arnold Hoveland, Camrose; Vice president — Mrs. A. Skaret, Armena; Secretary — Mrs. N. E. Pearson, Wetaskiwin; Treas-

## Preparing the Soil

At this time of year, soil is the all-important thing to the agriculturist. How can he best prepare his soil for the seed to insure the most abundant crop? Year by year this preparation becomes increasingly important if the farmer is to get his reward. We have all heard perhaps of the city-bred man to whom farming looks so desirable. He acquires land and goes through the motions of putting seed in the ground, only to realize in due time that there is more to farming than that.

But I believe many of us are guilty of thinking we can spread the Gospel of salvation with no particular preparation of the soil of human hearts and minds.

History provides us with examples of great leaders who have prepared the soil for their crops and reaped rich rewards.

This district of Wetaskiwin, and all this part of Western Canada, is hallowed with the unselfishness and love of Father Lacombe. How did he prepare the hearts of those wild Indians who knew nothing of Christianity? They became his dear children and they loved and listened to his message because he proved his love for them. How well he obeyed Christ's command, "Take my yoke upon you and learn of me for I am lowly of heart."

But our world today seems so difficult. It is so full of desirable things (worldly), and our economic struggle to obtain as big a share of them as possible hardens our natures and warps our sense of right and wrong, so that the Gospel falls on deaf ears. It becomes a case of blind leading blind. Christ suffered for us, leaving an example that we should follow in His steps. The impact of a Christ-like character on the hearts of men is the best preparation of the soil for the reception of Christ's Gospel.

—Mrs. Phillips, Asker.

## Life Membership Presentation

Following the Mother's Day Service conducted by Rev. A. M. Vinge, the Amisk Creek Ladies Aid presented a "Life Membership" in the W.M.F. to Mrs. P. Moen, age 89, pioneer co-worker and first President of this Aid.

The presentation took the form of a short program. — A solo, "We honor loved ones while they live", was beautifully sung by Merle Hillebrude. A short history of the Life Membership Dept. and its purpose was given by Mrs. C. Erickson. Mrs. I. C. Olson, with well chosen words, presented the Certificate to Mrs. Moen and led in prayer. The Hymn "Now thank we all our God" was sung by the audience.

After congratulations, relatives and friends of the guest of honor partook of a sumptuous lunch at the home of Mrs. and Mr. A. Patterson.

—Mrs. Mary Erickson.

urer — Mrs. T. T. Jevne, Wetaskiwin; Mission Box Sec'y — Mrs. M. Brager, Ohaton; Cradle Roll Sec'y — Mrs. H. Huseby, Holden; In Memoriam — Mrs. L. Grue, Hay Lakes; Historian — Mrs. Proctor Paulson, Asker; Thank Offering — Mrs. E. Johnson, New Norway; Box Work — Mrs. K. O. Eggen, Bawlf.

Directors: Mrs. J. Olson, Camrose; Mrs. B. L. Gullekson, Wetaskiwin; Mrs. John Westberg, Asker; Mrs. Joe Gunderson, Erling; Mrs. N. Fremstad, Vang.

Auditors: Mrs. K. O. Kandal and Mrs. O. Ervick, Wetaskiwin.

A vocal Duet was rendered by Mrs. Lien and Mrs. C. Erickson of Edberg.

After reports were given by all the department secretaries, Mrs. Moen, Mrs. Braa, and Mrs. Ervick sang a trio.

Rev. Rude gave a few brief remarks, and wished God's blessing on the Women's Missionary Federation.

The Meeting was closed by prayer by Mrs. A. Skaret of Armena.

Mrs. N. E. Pearson, Sec.

## YOUNG PEOPLE'S LUTHER LEAGUE

Editor, Rev. G. O. Evenson, Outlook, Sask.

## Luther League Objectives

How many Leaguers who read this column are thoroughly familiar with the objectives of our Luther League organization? As it is not at all likely that all are, they are printed here for your thoughtful reading and consideration.

1. To establish its regular members firmly on Luther's triple foundation — "The Word Alone, Grace Alone, Faith Alone" — and to prepare them to take up the full responsibilities and duties of adult membership in tomorrow's Lutheran Church.

2. To challenge and help young people through its "Crusade with Christ" program to "Choose with Christ" and to make it the business of their lives to go and make disciples (Matt. 28, 19-20).

3. To promote the study of the Word of God and the history, confessions and activities of the Lutheran Church.

4. To provide a worth while outlet for youth's boundless energies and to train them for a life of Christian living by providing them with individual and collective opportunities for Christian service.

5. To hold and win young people to comradeship with Christ by providing wholesome recreation and opportunities for Christian fellowship under League auspices, thus making it unnecessary for them to submit themselves to sinful and questionable amusements outside the church in order to satisfy their normal craving for social life.

## District Convention Announcement

The remark of a friend has called attention to an omission in the announcement published in the previous issue of Hyrden regarding the district convention. It is necessary for those planning to stay at the Bible Institute to furnish not only their own sheets and blankets (or quilts), but also their own pillows.

Again it is requested of those who plan to attend the convention to send advance notification to the undersigned.

—G. O. Evenson.

had been so excited at the time that she did not even know that she threw her baby into the well. Oh, the misery of thousands of people fleeing from homes and property, traveling miles without food or drink, sleeping in ditches.

It took a month in Shanghai to get our passes and to buy groceries, Bibles, medicine for the mission and the missionaries. Not that it took so long to buy but to have all goods put into cases and freighted as far as possible. Time for packing, time for a turn to get a place on the freight train, and time for it to get to its destination. Though we got to Shanghai November 29, we did not leave Kweiteh, the railway, until January 8. But hearing of the need of the missionaries, we felt that we must try to do all in our power to get what we could into the field even though it delayed us such a long time. From Kweiteh to Loho or Yencheng, it took fifteen days by boat and rickshaw carts.

Arriving in Loho we received a telegram from Rev. Edward Sovik to go to Kioshan to attend an executive meeting. The missionaries were gathered. It was interesting to shake hands with Dr. and Mrs. Skinsnes, Sovik, Sr. Marie and Sr. Bergitha, Ethel Jones, Martinson and Nelson. They all looked well but more or less under strain.

Even the strongest man gives way under the tremendous strain. Oh, folks, pray for us as never before. It is only God who can keep us in these days for we are nothing in ourselves. On the other hand I could only marvel at the calmness of those who have gone through so much these last years.

—from The Missionary.

"If ye were of the world, the world would love its own; but because ye are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you." (John 15:19).

"Birds of a feather flock together." Impenitent sinners likewise flock together. For though there may be many things to separate them, they have one thing in common. That uniting bond is their mutual rejection of Christ.

Yet the last thing that most impenitent sinners will admit is the fact that they are under the judgment and condemnation of God. According to their own ideas they are deserving of God's grace and have as good a chance as any of reaching heaven.

But such folks are walking in the darkness. And those who love the darkness certainly do not want the light to disturb their darkness. That is why they hate penitent sinners, people who have been laid hold of by Christ. For these are walking in the light; they are no longer of the world, though until they are called home they are in the world.

Which flock do you prefer? Those who are indifferent to God's Word and prayer, or those who love to have fellowship in His Word and in prayer? If you gather with the latter, but are despised by the former, may you be comforted by Christ's words in this verse.

## Essay Contest

Why are you a Lutheran? Do you have a good reason (or reasons) for being a Lutheran Christian? To stimulate your thinking, this department is announcing an essay contest on the topic, "Why I Am a Lutheran". Here are the rules:

1. There will be two divisions: the Junior, including young people up to age 17; the Senior, including young people from ages 18 to 30.

2. The winner in each division will receive a Testament.

3. No word-limit is specified, but be sure to write to the point. When you have clearly stated what you want to say, then stop.

4. Discuss the question as much as you want to with others; but be sure that the essay you write really answers the question asked in the topic.

5. The contest closes July 31, so have your essay mailed to the editor on or before that date.

6. The winning essays, as well as others selected, will be published in this department.

7. Write legibly; give your name, address, age, and congregation. As entries will not be returned, keep a copy for yourself.

War Time Trials in China  
by Talbert Ronning.

Here I am safe and sound back in Tengersien. Yes, it was a great experience which I shall never forget. I can only praise and thank the Lord for His wonderful protection all the way from America and especially for these last hectic days.

We arrived here Tuesday noon, February 4, and found this city empty of all its some 50,000 population who had fled into the country and hills. We found Miss Marie Staurset home alone with a few Christians at the gate. Poor people, fleeing in the winter time.

For days we have seen them fleeing in all directions, not knowing where to go. We saw babies tied as baggage on wheelbarrows and carried in baskets and on bicycles.

I was just told about a woman who was fleeing with her baby and a large bundle. She ran until she could not move any more, and then suddenly wild rumors from others passing by cried out that the enemy was only a few li away. The poor woman got up to run but was too tired to carry both her child and the bundle. Then not wanting the foe to get anything, she saw a well and threw her bundle down into the well. After a while she stopped to rest and to nurse her baby, and behold she had the bundle in her arms and not her baby. She